

**5172. Adulteration and misbranding of purified wool fat. U. S. \* \* \* v. 500 Packages Purified Wool Fat. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 7521. I. S. Nos. 476-1, 477-1. S. No. E-641.)**

On June 8, 1916, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel for the seizure and condemnation of 100 one-pound packages of the anhydrous variety and 400 one-pound packages of the hydrous variety of purified wool fat, consigned by the Hilton Chemical Co., Inc., Baltimore, Md., remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at Philadelphia, Pa., alleging that the article had been shipped on March 2, 1916, and transported from the State of Maryland into the State of Pennsylvania, and charging adulteration and misbranding in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. The retail packages of the two varieties of the article were labeled, respectively: "One Pound Purified Wool Fat 'Lord Baltimore Brand' Lanum Anhydrous \* \* \* 'Made in Baltimore' Hilton Chemical Co. Incorporated Baltimore, Md. \* \* \*" and "One Pound Purified Wool Fat 'Lord Baltimore Brand' Lanum Adeps Lanae Hydrosus (U. S. P.) \* \* \* 'Made in Baltimore' Hilton Chemical Co. Incorporated Baltimore, Md. \* \* \*."

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the libel for the reason that it contained added petroleum products.

Misbranding was alleged in substance for the reason that the retail packages contained labels which bore the statement, "Purified Wool Fat," regarding the article and the ingredients and substances contained therein, which were false and misleading in that said statement indicated that the article was purified wool fat when, in fact, it was not.

On July 14, 1916, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product should be destroyed by the United States marshal.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*